

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-4, 8, 32-35, and 39 were rejected¹ under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,766,454 to Riggins; Claims 5-13, 20-23, 25-27, and 36-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Riggins in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,055,637 to Hudson et al. (hereinafter “Hudson”); Claims 14 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Riggins and Hudson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,138,238 to Scheifler et al.; Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Riggins and Hudson in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,774,670 to Montulli; Claims 24, 28, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Riggins and Hudson in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,875,394 to Daly et al. (hereinafter “Daly”); Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Riggins, Hudson, and Daly above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,189,032 to Susaki et al. (hereinafter “Susaki”); and Claim 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Riggins, Hudson, and Daly in view of Montulli.

Addressing now the rejections of Claims 1-44 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Riggins and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Riggins in view of the applied secondary references, summarized above, those rejections are respectfully traversed.

Though different in scope, each of independent Claims 1, 16, and 32 recites structure or steps to transmit an electronic badge, including a password conferring access to at least one

¹ While the statement of the objection lists Claims 1-4, 8, 32-35, and 39, the body of the rejection also notes Claims 16, 17, 19, and 23 that were apparently improperly omitted from this statement listing.

application, from an administration computer to a visitor's computer. The remaining pending claims depend from one of Claims 1, 16, and 32.

The outstanding Office Action cites element "16" of Riggins Figure 1, which does not exist, as teaching the claimed administration computer; and does not cite any element or text as teaching the claimed visitor's computer. A review of the relied upon step 530 of Figure 5 appears to indicate that the outstanding Action is interpreting the application computer of independent Claims 1, 16, and 32 to correspond to the Riggins global server 106 and the visitor's computer of these claims to correspond to one of the clients 114 (a-g).

However, Riggins does not teach the claimed transmission of a password that confers the claimed access. Riggins indeed teaches that "[t]he network system includes a server coupled via a computer network to a client. ... It will be appreciated that the system and method of the present invention *never send the password itself across the computer network* [from the server to the client] and thus never compromise the password by transmission across unsecured channels" (emphasis added).² Riggins further states, "The global server 106 maintains the ... passwords and certificates needed to pass firewalls 116 and 120. Accordingly, the user need only maintain the URL of the global server 106 [and] a password or hardware token for obtaining access to the functionality of the global server 106."³ Thus, the passwords maintained by the global server 106 and client 114, the first of which is cited as teaching the passwords of Claims 1, 16, and 32,⁴ are clearly not transmitted.

Applicants note that none of the secondary references (Hudson, Montulli, Daly, and Susaki), taken alone or in any proper combination, cures the deficiencies noted above as to Riggins. Accordingly, for the above-stated reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of Claims 1-44, under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Riggins and under 35

² Riggins, col. 2, lines 37-66.

³ Riggins, col. 4, line 60 – col. 5, line 4.

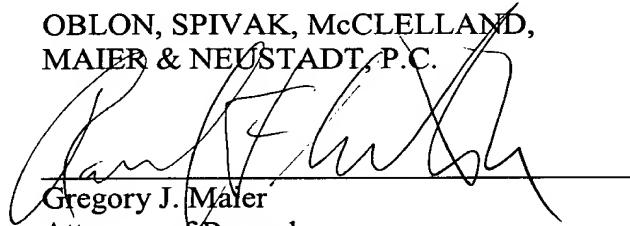
⁴ Office Action, 2/29/05, page 3, para. 2.

U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Riggins in view of the relied upon secondary references, be withdrawn.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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